ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, AND 1446

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TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA AND TO PLAINTIFF AND HIS COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant THE BOEING COMPANY (improperly named in Plaintiff's Complaint "The Boeing Company, Inc.") petitions the Court to remove this action from the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Orange to the United States District Court for the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446 because complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiff BEHYAR GOUDARZIAN ("Plaintiff"), a citizen of the State of California, Defendant The Boeing Company ("Boeing"), a citizen of the State of Delaware and Virginia and Defendant Chris Civarra (Civarra), a citizen of the State of Washington; and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. These facts were true when Plaintiff filed the Complaint and remain true now.

I. THE REMOVED CASE / STATE COURT ACTION

- 1. The removed case is a civil action commenced in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange by Plaintiff Behyar Goudarzian ("Plaintiff") against Boeing and Civarra, titled *Goudarzian v. The Boeing Company, et al.*, Case No. 30-2025-01456723-CU-OE-CJC.
- 2. Plaintiff filed the State Court Action on or about January 28, 2025, asserting claims for the following: (1) discrimination based on disability in violation of FEHA, (2) harassment in violation of FEHA (Cal. Govt. Code § 12900), (3) failure to participate in the interactive process (Cal Govt. Code § 2926.1(e), 12940(n)), (4) failure to provide reasonable accommodation (Cal. Govt. Code §12940(m)), (5) failure to prevent discrimination and harassment, (6) unlawful retaliation (Labor Code § 1102.5), (7) discrimination based on age in violation of FEHA (Cal. Govt. Code §12940(a), et seq.), and (8) harassment based on age in violation of FEHA (Cal. Govt. Code §12940(j), et seq.).

II. REMOVAL IS TIMELY / PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

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- 3. Boeing was served with Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint through its agent for service of process on May 22, 2025. (Jamie L. Hagerott Declaration ¶ 2.)
- 4. Boeing has thirty (30) days from the date of service or receipt "of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which such action or proceeding is based." *See* 28 U.S.C. §1446(b). Thus, this Notice of Removal is timely filed.
- 5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings, and orders from the State Action in Boeing's possession are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (Summons and Complaint, Civil Case Cover Sheet and Notice of Hearing Case Management Conference).
- 6. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), venue is proper in the Central District of California because this district embraces the place in which the removed action has been pending, *i.e.*, Orange County Superior Court.
- 7. Moreover, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), written notice of filing this Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiff after the same is filed with this Court.
- 8. If any question arises as to the propriety of removal of this action, Boeing respectfully requests an opportunity to conduct discovery, brief any disputed issues, and present oral argument in favor of its position that this case is properly removable.¹
- 9. Nothing in this Notice of Removal shall be interpreted as a waiver or relinquishment of Boeing's right to assert defenses, including, without limitation, the defenses of failure to state a claim and improper service of process.

III. <u>VENUE IS PROPER – THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY IS MET</u>

10. This Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and this action is one that may be removed to this Court by Boeing pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b) in that it involves a civil action between citizens of different

¹ Notably, Boeing has successfully removed several cases to Federal Court in this jurisdiction, including prevailing on a challenge to such removal.

states, and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

- 11. The removing party's initial burden is to "file a notice of removal that includes 'a plausible allegation that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold." *Ibarra v. Manheim Invs., Inc.,* 775 F.3d 1193, 1195 (9th Cir. 2015) (quoting *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co. v. Owens,* 574 U.S. 81, 89 (2014)). "By design, § 1446(a) tracks the general pleading requirement stated in Rule 8(a)," which requires only that the grounds for removal be stated in a "short and plain statement." *Dart,* 574 U.S. at 87.
- 12. Generally, a federal district court will first "consider whether it is 'facially apparent' from the complaint that the jurisdictional amount is in controversy." *Abrego v. Dow Chem. Co.*, 443 F.3d 676, 690 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal citation omitted). A defendant may remove a suit to federal court notwithstanding the failure of the plaintiff to plead the required amount. Absent the facial showing from the complaint, the court may consider facts averred in the removal petition. *Id.* Next, if the defendant's allegation(s) regarding the amount in controversy is challenged, then "both sides submit proof and the court decides, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the amount-in-controversy requirement has been satisfied." *Ibarra*, 775 F.3d at 1195. At that time, "it may be appropriate to allow discovery relevant to [the] jurisdictional amount prior to remanding." *Abrego*, 443 F.3d at 691 (internal citation omitted).
- 13. Boeing disputes that it is liable for any damages whatsoever to Plaintiff. Nevertheless, Boeing can demonstrate that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 under the "preponderance of the evidence" standard. *See Guglielmino v. McKee Foods Corp.*, 506 F.3d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 2007). The standard requires only that the removing party present evidence that "it is more likely than not" that the amount in controversy is satisfied. *Id*.

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- 14. Here, Plaintiff alleges that he was wrongful terminated from his job at Boeing on April 28, 2023. (Ex A, ¶ 29.) This last day of work corresponds with Boeing's records (Barbara Krubski Declaration ¶ 4.) Accordingly, Plaintiff's potential award of compensatory and special damages, including but not limited to lost pay and his purported emotional distress damages, alone, satisfy the amount in controversy requirement. Plaintiff's annual salary while employed at Boeing was \$197,596.00. (Id.) As of now, Plaintiff's alleged lost earnings, which Defendant disputes, already amount to approximately \$428,124.67 (\$16,466.33 per month x 26 months (from April 2023 to June 2025)). If this case were to go to trial within twelve months from removal -June 2026—Plaintiff's alleged lost earnings, which again Defendant disputes, would be approximately \$625,720.54 (based on 38 months of alleged lost wages).
- 15. Plaintiff also seeks punitive damages against Boeing. (Ex. A, ¶¶ 48, 56, 67, 75, 92, 96, 101, 112, 120 and Prayer for Relief No. 4.)
- Punitive damages may be considered in calculating the amount in 16. controversy where a plaintiff may recover for them under applicable law. Jury verdicts in analogous cases may be used to establish probable amounts of punitive damages for purposes of addressing the diversity requirement. See Avila, 2019 WL 4729641, at *4-5. A court "need not determine whether the cases Defendant cites are sufficiently factually analogous, and need not put an exact numerical value on a potential punitive damages award to conclude that a substantial punitive damages award is likely if Plaintiff succeeds on his Complaint." Id. at *5; Simmons, 209 F.Supp.2d at 1033 (requiring only that the jury verdicts "demonstrate the potential for large punitive damage awards in employment discrimination cases").
- Here, while disputed by Boeing, Plaintiff alleges, for example, that 17. Boeing's harassment of Plaintiff amounted to "malice, fraud, or oppression." (Ex. A, ¶ 56.). In a discrimination and/or retaliation case, punitive damages awarded by a jury could be significant and alone could satisfy the jurisdictional amount. Defendants

dispute Plaintiff's entitlement to punitive or other damages and highlights the potential for punitive damages in employment cases for purposes of this Removal only.

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- 18. In employment actions, juries in California and elsewhere have returned verdicts with substantial awards for non-compensatory damages that far exceed \$75,000. See EEOC v. Harris Farms, Inc., Docket No. 02-CV-06199-AW1-LJ0 (E.D. Cal. Jan. 24, 2005) (jury verdict included damages for \$53,000 in past earnings, \$91,000 in future earnings, and \$350,000 in emotional distress damages); Astor v. Rent-A-Center, Docket No: 03AS048644 (Sacramento County Superior Court, Aug. 5, 2005) (jury verdict included \$369,000 in economic damages and \$250,000 in noneconomic damages); Pensacola v. Malaysia Airlines, Docket No.: CV045944 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 6, 2006 (jury verdict of \$237,537, of which \$160,000 was for punitive damages).
- 19. Based on a conservative, good faith estimate of the value of the alleged damages in this action, the amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs. *See Simmons v. PCR Tech.*, 209 F. Supp. 2d 1029, 1031-35 (N.D. Cal. 2002) (holding that Plaintiff's damage claim, including lost wages, medical expenses, emotional distress and attorneys' fees, was enough to put the amount in controversy above \$75,000).

IV. <u>VENUE IS PROPER – COMPLETE DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP</u> <u>EXISTS</u>

- 20. **Plaintiff is a citizen of California.** Plaintiff is, and was at the time of filing the Complaint, a citizen and resident of California. (Ex. A \P 1.) Additionally, according to Boeing's records, Plaintiff's home address is located in Lakewood, California.² (Krubski Decl. \P 5.)
- 21. For diversity purposes, a person is a "citizen" of the state in which he or she is domiciled. *Kantor v. Wellesley Galleries, Ltd.*, 704 F.2d 1088, 1090 (9th Cir.

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² For privacy concerns, Boeing will not include Plaintiff's entire home address. However, if this Court requires it, and/or if Plaintiff's citizenship is challenged, Boeing will be compelled to disclose the address information it has for Plaintiff.

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- 1983). Generally, a person's residence is *prima facie* evidence of the person's domicile. See Mondragon v. Cap. One Auto Fin., 736 F.3d 880, 886 (9th Cir. 2013) (collecting cases). "[A] person's old domicile is not lost until a new one is acquired. Barber v. Varleta, 199 F.2d 419, 423 (9th Cir.1952).
- 22. **Defendant Civarra is a citizen of Washington.** Here, Defendant Chris Civarra is at the time of filing of the Complaint and this Notice of Removal a resident of the State of Washington. Civarra has resided in Washington for his entire life, maintains a residence there, works there, and intends to remain there for the foreseeable future. (Chris Civarra Decl. ¶¶ 2-3.)
- 23. For the purposes of determining jurisdiction, "a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State and foreign state by which it has been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).
- A corporation's "principal place of business" is its "nerve center," which 24. means "the place where the corporation's high level officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation's activities." Hertz Corp. v. Friend, 559 U.S. 77, 80–81 (2010). Typically, a corporation's "nerve center" is the location where the corporation maintains its headquarters. Id. at 81, 92.
- 25. **Defendant Boeing is a citizen of Delaware and Virginia.** Here, Boeing is incorporated in the State of Delaware, and has been since 1947. (Krubski Decl. ¶ 3.) Boeing maintains its World Headquarters at 929 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202, which serves as its principal place of business and "nerve center." (Id.) The officers and directors of Boeing are located at the World Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, where they exercise day-to-day control of the business and perform the vast majority of their executive and administrative functions. Boeing's corporate books and records are located at its World Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. (Id.)

Based on the aforementioned facts, Boeing is therefore a citizen of the

As a result, Boeing and Civarra are not now, and were not at the time of

Plaintiff's Complaint names no other defendants aside from "Doe

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Because there is diversity of citizenship between the parties, no defendant

the filing of the Complaint, citizen and/or residents of the State of California for

defendants," which "shall be disregarded" for removal purposes. See 28 U.S.C. §

has not yet been served in this matter. (Civarra Decl. ¶ 4.) Those named as defendants

but not yet served in the state court action need not join the notice of removal. See

Destfino v. Reiswig, 630 F.3d 952, 956–57 (9th Cir. 2011); Emrich v. Touche Ross &

is a citizen of California, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, this action

(i) this action is a civil action pending within the jurisdiction of the United States

District Court for the Central District of California, (ii) the amount in controversy

exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) the action is between

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State of Delaware and the State of Virginia for purposes of determining diversity jurisdiction. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1).

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- V. CONCLUSION For the foregoing reasons, the State Court Action may be removed to this Court

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

THE BOEING COMPANY, INC., a Delaware Corporation; CHRIS CIVARRA, an Individual; and DOES 1 through 50, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

BEHYAR GOUDARZIAN, an individual

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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NOTICE OF HEARING CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE	CASE NUMBER: 30-2025- 01456723-CU-OE-CJC

Please take notice that a(n), <u>Case Management Conference</u> has been scheduled for hearing on <u>07/02/2025</u> at <u>09:00:00 AM</u> in Department <u>C33</u> of this court, located at <u>Central Justice</u> Center.

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	Uninsured motorist (46)	Rule 3.740 collections (09)	Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
	Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)
	Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
	Asbestos (04)	Other contract (37)	Securities litigation (28)
	Product liability (24)	Real Property	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
	Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
	Other PI/PD/WD (23)	condemnation (14)	above listed provisionally complex case types (41)
	Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	Wrongful eviction (33)	
	Business tort/unfair business practice (07)	Other real property (26)	Enforcement of Judgment
	Civil rights (08)	<u>Unla</u> wful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)
	Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
	Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)
	Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism) Intentional Infliction of

Emotional Distress Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) Fraud (16) Intellectual Property (19) Professional Negligence (25) Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice

(not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) Breach of Rental/Lease

Warranty

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Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation Other Coverage Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31) Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal

drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential) Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11) Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor Commissioner Appeals Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

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Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10) Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment)

Mechanics Lien Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (not specified

above) (43) Civil Harassment Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse **Election Contest**

Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late Claim

Other Civil Petition

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unlawful and tortious conduct, and as grounds therefore alleges:

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PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff BEHYAR GOUDARZIAN (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is, and at all times herein was, an individual residing in the County of Los Angeles, State of California and was employed as Project Engineer by Defendant THE BOEING COMPANY, INC., and DOES 1-50 from, until his termination. Plaintiff was employed with defendant for thirty-six (36) years and at the time of his termination was sixty-eight (68) years old.
- 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendant THE BOEING COMPANY, INC. ("BOEING" or "Defendant") is and at all times herein mentioned was, a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business located at 929 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, and subject to the laws of California Government Code §§12940 et seq. and 12900 et. seq. Defendant is, and at all relevant times was, an employer pursuant to California Government Code § 12926(d). Defendant is qualified to do business in the County of Los Angeles. Defendant's place of business, where the following causes of action took place, was and is in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- 3. TYRA R. BANKS ("Ms. Banks") is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of an unknown County in an unknown State of California, and at all relevant times was an employee of Defendant working as an "Accommodation Service Representative" for BOEING.
- 4. ROBYN SIEBERT ("Ms. Sieber") is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of an unknown County in an unknown State of California, and at all relevant times was an employee of Defendant working as a Direct Manager of Plaintiff for BOEING.
- 5. Defendant CHRIS CIVARRA ("Mr. Civarra") is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of an unknown County in an unknown State of California, and at all relevant times was an employee of Defendant working in the Radio Team department for BOEING.
- 6. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and alleges that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is responsible for the alleged

7. All defendants compelled, coerced, aided, and/or abetted the discrimination, retaliation, and harassment alleged in this Complaint, which conduct is prohibited under California Government Code section 12940(i). All defendants were responsible for the events and damages alleged herein, including on the following bases: (a) defendants committed the acts alleged; (b) at all relevant times, one or more of the defendants was the agent or employee, and/or acted under the control or supervision, of one or more of the remaining defendants and, in committing the acts alleged, acted within the course and scope of such agency and employment and/or is or are otherwise liable for plaintiff's damages; (c) at all relevant times, there existed a unity of ownership and interest between or among two or more of the defendants such that any individuality and separateness between or among those defendants has ceased, and defendants are the alter egos of one another. Defendants exercised domination and control over one another to such an extent that any individuality or separateness of defendants does not, and at all times herein mentioned did not, exist. Adherence to the fiction of the separate existence of defendants would permit abuse of the corporate privilege and would sanction fraud and promote injustice. All actions of all defendants were taken by employees, supervisors, executives, officers, and directors during employment with all defendants, were taken on behalf of all defendants, and were engaged in, authorized, ratified, and approved of by all other defendants.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

8. Venue is proper under *Code of Civil Procedure* §395, because Plaintiff's injuries were incurred within this jurisdiction. The actions giving rise to Plaintiff's complaint arose within this jurisdiction.

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EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

9. Plaintiff exhausted his administrative remedies by filing a complaint with the California Civil Rights Department on January 28, 2025, and thereafter, received a "right to sue" notification on that same day. A true and correct copy of such right to sue notification is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."**

FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

- 10. Plaintiff commenced his employment with Defendants in and about April 6, 1987, as a Project Engineer. Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, he performed his duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.
- 11. Plaintiff was subjected to discrimination due to his age and disability, harassment from his co-workers, and retaliation when he was terminated during the period he was given an accommodation.
- 12. In and around June 2020, Plaintiff began to experience serious health issues that rendered him disabled and that required him to request an accommodation.
- 13. Plaintiff required remote work as an accommodation which was granted by the Defendants.
- 14. Thereafter, Plaintiff followed the Defendants' procedures in renewing his accommodation every six months.
- 15. The need for his accommodation was renewed every six months, and permitted Plaintiff to work remotely.
- 16. However, starting in or about August 2022 until his termination, Defendants discriminated against, harassed, and eventually terminated Plaintiff as a result of his continued need for accommodation, because of his medical condition and/or disability, and in retaliation of Plaintiff's complaints.
 - 17. In and around August 2022, Ms. Siebert became Plaintiff's Direct Manager.
- 18. Thereafter, Plaintiff noticed a change in how he was treated. For example, prior to Ms. Siebert's arrival, Plaintiff received rave reviews of his work performance. These reviews indicated that he met or exceeded the expectations of his position. Plaintiff also met or exceeded his

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expectations for his "Interim 2022 Performance Review."

- In or about December 2022, Ms. Siebert issued a performance review indicating that 19. Plaintiff only met *some* expectations of his position.
- In or about October 2022, during a meeting between Plaintiff and his department, the 20. Defendant's employees, Mr. Civarra harassed and discriminated against Plaintiff when he asked a new hire, Aleksey Bykovich, to guess Plaintiff's age in front of all the other employees. After multiple guesses, Plaintiff was pressured to tell everyone his age and finally did. Plaintiff immediately felt ashamed and humiliated as everyone in the room was much younger than him.
- 21. Several days later, Gordon Yip, Defendant's employee in the Radio Team department, left Plaintiff an unprofessional voice message, stating that Plaintiff should not question his abilities or judgment, otherwise Plaintiff should either do the work himself or get someone else to do it.
- 22. During 2023, Plaintiff continued to request and receive remote work as an accommodation. In and about the end of 2022, Plaintiff renewed his request for an accommodation for the first six months of 2023, which request was granted by Defendant.
- 23. However, Ms. Siebert refused to provide Plaintiff with the approved accommodation.
- In or about January 2023, Ms. Siebert emailed Plaintiff improperly directing him to 24. "flex [his] schedule first before using PTO." Linda Hopper, in the Labor Relations-West department, and Hillary McConnell, the SEEPA Contract Administrator, responded to Ms. Siebert's improper demand stating that it "could be perceived as coercion/harassment."
- 25. In or around February 2023, Ms. Siebert informed Plaintiff that he would no longer be provided remote work as an accommodation, despite Plaintiff receiving the accommodation for years. Plaintiff was further informed that he would be placed on a medical leave of absence instead.
- Plaintiff's doctor reminded Defendant that a medical leave of absence will not 26. improve Plaintiff's symptoms.
- Suddenly, in or around March 2023, Plaintiff was told that he would no longer be 27. permitted to work remotely and instead, would be placed on a "reassignment leave of absence" as

28. Between March 2023 and April 2023, Plaintiff received his offboarding paper work and layoff eligibility paper work.

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29. Plaintiff was ultimately terminated on April 28, 2023.

whether it could accommodate Plaintiff's disability. It not only failed to engage in a good faith interactive process with Plaintiff time after time, but Defendant also failed to show any undue hardship or safety risk associated with accommodating Plaintiff's restrictions and medical condition.

Defendants had the duty to engage in a good faith interactive process to ascertain

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Defendants engaged in a systematic pattern and practice of discriminating against individuals (including Plaintiff) who are or become disabled with the resultant effect that such

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persons are systematically excluded from positions for which they are well qualified. On

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32. These acts by Defendants were continuing, not permanent and constituted a continuing violation.

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33. As a consequence of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered harm, including lost past and future income and employment benefits, damage to his career, and wages, overtime, unpaid expenses, sick time and penalties, as well as interest on unpaid wages at the legal rate from and after each payday on which those wages should have been paid, in sum to be proven at trial.

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34. As a consequence of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and will suffer psychological and emotional distress, humiliation, and mental and physical pain and anguish, in a

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35. Plaintiff has incurred and continues to incur legal expenses and attorney's fees.

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DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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IN VIOLATION OF FEHA (GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 12940 et seq.)

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(As Against The Boeing Company, Inc.; and DOES 1 through 50)

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Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all paragraphs, and each and every

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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

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27 28 part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.

- Defendants and DOES 1 through 50, Inclusive, and each of them, is an "employer" 37. within the meaning of and subject to California Govt. Code §§ 12900, et seq., commonly referred to as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA").
- 38. The FEHA, and specifically, California Govt. Code § 12940(a), provides in pertinent part that, "It shall be an unlawful employment practice . . . [f]or an employer, because of . . . physical disability . . . medical condition . . . to discharge the person from employment . . . or to discriminate against the person . . . in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment."
- 39. The discriminatory actions of these Defendants against Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, terminating Plaintiff from Plaintiff's employment due to Plaintiff's disability and failing to conduct a good faith interactive process or accommodating Plaintiff, constitutes unlawful discrimination based on disability in violation of FEHA, Govt. Code § 12940(a).
- Plaintiff was an employee with an actual and/or perceived disability and/or serious 40. medical condition as defined by Govt. Code § 12926, in that he suffered from a disability which affected his body and that affected at least one major life activity, including but not limited to working and/or breathing, , and as such, is a member of the group of persons protected from discrimination based on his disability and/or medical condition under Govt. Code § 12940(a).
- 41. Defendants engaged in unlawful employment practices in violation of FEHA by discriminating against Plaintiff on the basis of his disability, failing to engage in the interactive process to determine if Plaintiff could be given a reasonable accommodation, failing to provide Plaintiff with a reasonable accommodation, and then terminating Plaintiff because of his disability and/or serious medical condition. Such actions were all in violation of FEHA, and were done in direct response to Plaintiff's disability, serious medical condition, and requested accommodation.
- 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that his disability/serious medical condition was a substantial factor in Defendants' decision to discriminate against Plaintiff, and then terminate Plaintiff's employment, in violation of Govt. Code § 12940(a). All of the aforementioned actions were taken against Plaintiff due to Plaintiff's disability and/or serious medical condition. At all times, Plaintiff was able to perform the essential functions of his job, with

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- 43. Plaintiff was terminated from his employment in substantial part due to Plaintiff's disability and serious medical condition. Defendant refused to engage in the interactive process nor accommodate Plaintiff's restrictions. Therefore, Defendants' acts regarding Plaintiff's employment violate California's FEHA.
- 44. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 45. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 46. As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 47. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of *California Government Code* §12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees and costs.
- 48. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294, in violating California's FEHA. Further, the Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. The Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294(b).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF FEHA

(CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 12900 et seq.)

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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

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(As Against All Defendants; and DOES 1 through 50)

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all paragraphs, and each and every part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.
- Ms. Siebert, Ms. Banks, and Mr. Civarra, all engaged in a pattern and practice of 50. harassing Plaintiff, as alleged and set forth herein, after Plaintiff informed them of his disability, requested accommodations, and provided Defendants with his doctor's notes.
- Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, violated FEHA, Government Code section 51. 12900, et seq., and defendants committed unlawful employment practices, including by the following, separate bases for liability:
 - Harassing Plaintiff and/or creating a hostile work environment, in whole or in part on the basis of Plaintiff's disability and need for reasonable accommodations, in violation of Government Code sections 12940(j);
 - b. Failing to take all reasonable steps to prevent discrimination, harassment, and retaliation on the basis of his need for reasonable accommodations, in violation of Government Code section 12940(k);
 - The individual Defendant's harassment against plaintiff was permeated with c. discriminatory intimidation, ridicule and insult that was so severe and pervasive that it altered Plaintiff's conditions of employment by creating an abusive work environment.
- As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described herein, Plaintiff suffered 52. economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 53. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO ENGAGE IN THE INTERACTIVE

PROCESS IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 12926.1(e), 12940(n)

(As Against All Defendants; and DOES 1 through 50)

- 57. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all previous paragraphs, and each and every part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.
- 58. It is unlawful for an employer covered by California Government Code §12940 et seq., to fail to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with the employee to determine effective reasonable accommodations, in response to a request for reasonable accommodation by an employee with a known physical or mental disability or medical condition. California Government Code § 12940(n), which provides, "It is an unlawful employment practice ... (n) For an employer or other entity covered by this part to fail to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with the employee or applicant to determine effective reasonable accommodations, if any, in response to a request for reasonable accommodation by an employee or applicant with a known physical or mental disability or known medical condition."
 - 59. Defendant The Boeing Company, Inc., and DOES 1 through 50 terminated Plaintiff's

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employment due to Plaintiff's disability/serious medical condition, after Defendants were informed of Plaintiff's disability/serious medical condition, and were informed of Plaintiff's need for reasonable accommodations. Defendants simply refused to engage in the interactive process and/or to accommodate Plaintiff's disabilities and restrictions.

- 60. Defendants also terminated Plaintiff's employment due to his disability for needing an accommodation. Plaintiff's disability/serious medical condition and his need of reasonable accommodations were substantial determining factors in Plaintiff termination. After Defendants were informed of Plaintiff's disability and need of reasonable accommodations, Defendants failed to participate in a continuing good faith interactive process with Plaintiff to determine if Defendants could provide the reasonable accommodations to Plaintiff to aid Plaintiff in continuing his job. Instead, Defendants subjected Plaintiff to extremely difficult working conditions, refused to accommodate Plaintiff's disability, and subsequently terminated Plaintiff, in violation of the FEHA.
- 61. The failure of Defendants to continuously participate in a meaningful interactive process in an effort to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff's disability was due to discrimination and retaliation against Plaintiff. Instead of reasonably accommodating Plaintiff, Defendants used Plaintiff's request for reasonable accommodations to terminate Plaintiff from Plaintiff's employment. Defendants' acts, as more fully described above, constitute unlawful discrimination based on disability, and are in violation of FEHA, codified in California Government Code §12926.1(e), 12940(n).
- 62. Defendants failed to take any action to remedy the discriminatory working conditions. On the contrary, after Plaintiff expressed his need for reasonable accommodations, Defendants failed to participate with Plaintiff in a reasonable, good faith, interactive process to identify available reasonable accommodations for Plaintiff's medical restrictions and condition. Instead of conducting a meaningful and genuine interactive session, Defendants terminated plaintiff.
- 63. Defendants, at all relevant times herein mentioned were able to accommodate Plaintiff's restrictions and/or need for remote work. However, Defendants, time and again, did not conduct the required good faith interactive process or even attempt to engage in the interactive process. Instead of participating in the interactive process, Defendants simply refused to

- accommodate Plaintiff, and terminated Plaintiff from his employment. Plaintiff's disability, need for reasonable accommodations, and the failure of Defendants to conduct a legitimate, meaningful, and good faith interactive process were substantial factors in the decision to terminate Plaintiff's employment. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 64. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 65. As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 66. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of Cal. *Government Code* §12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees and costs.
- 67. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294, in violating California's FEHA. Further, the Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. The Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294(b).

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(m)

(As Against All Defendants; and DOES 1 through 50)

68. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all previous paragraphs, and each and every part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length

herein.

69. It is unlawful for an employer to fail to make a reasonable accommodation for the known physical disability of an employee, under California *Government Code* § 12940(m). After Defendants and DOES 1 through 50 were informed of Plaintiff's disability/serious medical condition, and were informed of Plaintiff's need for reasonable accommodations, Defendants failed to provide said available and reasonable accommodations such as assigning Plaintiff to work that was in direct conflict with his doctor's note indicating Plaintiff's physical restrictions. Defendants retaliated against Plaintiff, refused to accommodate Plaintiff, and ultimately terminated Plaintiff from his job instead of providing the reasonable accommodations. Thus, Plaintiff's disability and his need for reasonable accommodations were substantial motivating factors in Defendants' decision to terminate Plaintiff's employment.

- 70. Defendants used Plaintiff's need for reasonable accommodations to terminate Plaintiff's employment because they did not want to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff and instead decided to terminate Plaintiff so they would not have to accommodate Plaintiff's disability. Defendants' unlawful acts, as more fully described herein, in their failure to continue to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff's disability, constitute unlawful failure to provide reasonable accommodations in violation of the FEHA, codified in California *Government Code* §12940(m), which provides, "It is an unlawful employment practice ... (m)(1) For an employer or other entity covered by this part to fail to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an applicant or employee."
- 71. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 72. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
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described above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.

- 74. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of *California Government Code* §12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value for attorney's fees and costs.
- 75. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294, in violating California's FEHA. Further, the Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. The Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294(b).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940(k)

(As Against All Defendants; and DOES 1 through 50)

- 76. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all previous paragraphs, and each and every part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.
- 77. California Government Code Section 12940(k) makes it illegal for an employer to fail to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring.
- 78. The FEHA, and specifically, California Government Code §12940(a), provides in pertinent part that, "It shall be an unlawful employment practice . . . [f]or an employer, because of . . . physical disability. . .medical condition... to discharge the person from employment . . . or to discriminate against the person . . . in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment." Additionally section 12940(k), which provides, "It is an unlawful employment practice . . . for an employer . . . to fail to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring"

- 79. Defendants and DOES 1 through 50 terminated Plaintiff from his employment after Defendants were informed of Plaintiff's disability, and were informed of Plaintiff's need for reasonable accommodations. Plaintiff's disability and his need for reasonable accommodations in the form of working remotely were substantial motivating factors in Defendants' decision to terminate Plaintiff.
- 80. Defendants and DOES 1 through 50 failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent discrimination, harassment and retaliation from occurring in the workplace. Specifically, Defendants failed to train, supervise, monitor, counsel, coach or assist their supervisors and others in the performance of their duties and permitted their supervisors to discriminate and harass Plaintiff, and fire Plaintiff in violation of his disability rights.
- 81. Plaintiff was discriminated against, harassed and retaliated against as described in this Complaint. Although Defendants knew or should have known of the discriminatory, harassing and retaliatory conduct on the part of Plaintiff's manager(s), Defendants failed and refused to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent and/or cure the discrimination, harassment and retaliation from occurring.
- 82. Defendants and DOES 1 through 50 failed or refused to take appropriate steps to abate or prevent discrimination, harassment and retaliation in the workplace by failing to effectively enforce policies against unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation, failing to thoroughly investigate incidents of discrimination, harassment and retaliation, and failing to take prompt and appropriate disciplinary action against perpetrators of discrimination, harassment and retaliation towards Plaintiff. This discrimination included but was not limited to Plaintiff being terminated from his employment due to his disability/serious medical condition and because he exercised his California Fair Employment and Housing Act rights.
- 83. Defendants and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, upon information and belief, had in place policies and procedures that specifically prohibited discrimination, retaliation, and harassment based on disability and other protected characteristics and required Defendants' managers, officers, and agents to prevent discrimination, harassment and retaliation, against and upon employees of

 Defendants. Defendants' supervisor, and others in Defendants' Human Resources department, and DOES 1-50, were at all relevant times Defendants' managerial agents, managers, officers, and/or agents of Defendants and were aware of Defendants' policies and procedures prohibiting discrimination and retaliation based on disability. The policies required Defendants' manager, officer, and agents to prevent disability discrimination and retaliation based on disability against and upon Defendants' employees, including Plaintiff.

- 84. Instead of abiding by the law and their own policies and procedures, Defendants and DOES 1 through 50 and each of them, illegally and improperly terminated Plaintiff despite Plaintiff's prior exemplary job performance.
- 85. Furthermore, Defendant's supervisors and members of its HR department maintained broad discretionary powers regarding staffing, managing, hiring, firing, contracting, supervising, assessing and establishing of corporate policy and practice in the Defendants' facilities. Defendants, by and through their authorized managers, agents, employees and representatives, chose to consciously and willfully ignore and refuse to employ said policies and procedures with respect to Plaintiff. Therefore, their outrageous conduct was fraudulent, malicious, oppressive, and was done in wanton disregard for the rights of Plaintiff and the rights and duties owed by each Defendant to Plaintiff.
- 86. The response of Defendants and/or their agents/employees to the notice was so inadequate as to establish a deliberate indifference to, or tacit authorization or, the alleged offensive practices, and an affirmative causal link existed between Defendants' inaction and the injuries suffered by Plaintiffs.
- 87. By failing to take all reasonable steps necessary to prevent and correct discrimination and by failing to properly investigate and remedy the discrimination that occurred, Defendants committed unlawful employment practices as described and prohibited under *Government Code* §12940(k).
- 88. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.

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- 90. As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 91. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of *California Government Code* §12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value for attorney's fees and costs.
- 92. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294, in violating California's FEHA. Further, the Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. The Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294(b).

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNLAWFUL RETALIATION

Lab. Code § § 1102.5

(As Against All Defendants; and DOES 1 through 50)

- 93. Plaintiff incorporates and re-alleges by reference all paragraphs, and each and every part thereof, of this Complaint, with the same force and effect as though set forth at length herein.
- 94. Lab. Code § 1102.5(b) provides, in pertinent part, "[a]n employer, or any person acting on behalf of the employer, shall not retaliate against an employee for disclosing information, or because the employer believes that the employee disclosed or may disclose information, to a government or law enforcement agency, to a person with authority over the employee or another employee who has the authority to investigate, discover, or correct the violation or noncompliance, .

- . . if the employee has reasonable cause to believe that the information discloses a violation of state or federal statute, or a violation of or noncompliance with a local, state, or federal rule or regulation, regardless of whether disclosing the information is part of the employee's job duties." This statute reflects the broad public policy interest in encouraging workplace whistleblowers to report unlawful acts without fearing retaliation.
- 95. Defendants subjected Plaintiff to numerous adverse employment actions including, but not limited to, failing to accommodate Plaintiff's disability accommodations, failing to engage in the interactive process, and failing to prevent the discrimination, harassment and retaliation.
- 96. Defendants committed the acts herein despicably, maliciously, fraudulently, and oppressively, with the wrongful intention of injuring Plaintiff, from an improper and evil motive amounting to malice, and in conscious disregard of the rights of Plaintiff. Plaintiff is thus entitled to punitive damages from Defendants in an amount according to proof.
- 97. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 98. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 99. As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 100. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs.
- 101. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. *Civil Code* § 3294, in violating California's FEHA. Further, the Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct,

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and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. The Defendants thereby bear liability under *Cal. Civil Code* § 3294(b).

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

AGE DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF

THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING ACT

(CAL. GOV'T CODE, §12940 ET SEQ.)

(As Against Defendant The Boeing Company, Inc., Chris Civarra; and DOES 1 through 50)

- 102. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in this Complaint for damages, as though fully set forth herein.
- 103. Defendants are "employers" within the meaning of and subject to California Government Code 12900 et seq., commonly referred to as the California Fair Employment and Housing Act ("FEHA"). Prior to his unlawful termination, Plaintiff was an "employee" under the FEHA.
- 104. California Government Code § 12940(a) provides in pertinent part that, "It shall be an unlawful employment practice . . . [f]or an employer, because of . . . age ... to discharge the person from employment . . . or to discriminate against the person . . . in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment." This Cause of Action stems from Defendants' discriminatory termination relative to Plaintiff's employment by Defendants and Defendant's failure to rehire Plaintiff or return Plaintiff to work due to Plaintiff's age. Plaintiff was 68 years old at the time of his termination, and thereby protected from age discrimination under FEHA.
- 105. After Plaintiff was terminated from his employment, his duties and responsibilities were given to a younger employee who had no disability, in violation of FEHA. Plaintiff's employment was terminated due to his age.
- 106. The discriminatory actions of Defendants and its agents against Plaintiff, including, but not limited to terminating Plaintiff in his employment, with resulting loss of wages, due to Plaintiff's age, constitute unlawful discrimination based on age, in violation of FEHA, codified in California *Government Code* § 12940(a).
 - 107. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described above, Plaintiff suffered

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- 108. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and severe emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 109. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered physical and mental injuries and has necessarily expended sums in the treatment of such injuries, all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, inclusive, 110. and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff 111. has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees and costs.
- Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because 112. Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. Civil Code, §3294, in violating California's FEHA. The reasons Defendants gave for the termination were false and fraudulent. Further, the decision to target Plaintiff for termination due to his age was done in violation of California law and thereby oppressive. Further, Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. Civil Code, §3294(b).

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

HARASSMENT BASED ON AGE IN VIOLATION OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING ACT

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

(CAL. GOV'T CODE, §12940(j))

- 113. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation set forth in this Complaint for damages, as though fully set forth herein.
- 114. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, violated FEHA, Government Code section 12900, et seq., and Defendants committed unlawful employment practices, including the following, separate basis for liability:
 - a. Harassing Plaintiff and/or creating a hostile work environment, in whole or in part, on the basis of Plaintiff's age and/or other protected activities, in violation of Government Code section 12940(j);
 - b. Failing to take all reasonable steps to prevent discrimination, harassment, and retaliation on the basis of disability, in violation of Government Code section 12940(k);
- 115. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, as described above, Plaintiff suffered economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 116. As a further proximate result of the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and severe emotional and physical distress, and has been injured in body and mind all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 117. As a proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered physical and mental injuries and has necessarily expended sums in the treatment of such injuries, all to Plaintiff's damage in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 118. As a further proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, inclusive, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the physical, emotional and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants' acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
 - 119. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, Plaintiff

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Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages under this cause of action, because 120. Defendants engaged in malice, fraud or oppression, as defined by Cal. Civil Code, §3294, in violating California's FEHA. The reasons Defendants gave for the termination were false and fraudulent. Further, the decision to target Plaintiff for termination due to his age was done in violation of California law and thereby oppressive. Further, Defendants knew of and approved or ratified the wrongful conduct, and/or the wrongful conduct was performed by a managing agent of the Defendants. Defendants thereby bear liability under Cal. Civil Code, §3294(b).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief against Defendants, to be determined by a jury, as follows:

For all Causes of Action,

- General damages in an amount according to proof, but in excess of the minimum 1. jurisdiction of this court;
- For special damages in an amount according to proof, but in the excess of the 2. minimum jurisdiction of this court, in order to compensate the Plaintiff for Plaintiff's loss of past and future earnings, and all damages flowing from the Plaintiff's loss of earnings, loss of job security, failure to properly advance within Plaintiff's career, damage to Plaintiff's reputation; and for loss of all future earnings and benefits and job promotions and privileges Plaintiff would have had;
 - For consequential economic loss as a result of the breach; 3.
 - For punitive damages according to proof at trial against defendants. 4.
 - 5. For all costs and disbursements incurred in this suit;
 - 6. For all interest as allowed by law;
- Where available and proper for attorneys' fees and costs incurred pursuing this 7. Complaint against Defendants;
 - For all emotional distress damages that properly compensate Plaintiff's 8.

EXHIBIT "A"

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January 28, 2025

Michael Yellin 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 710E Beverly Hills, CA 90212

RE: **Notice to Complainant's Attorney**

> CRD Matter Number: 202501-27908528 Right to Sue: Goudarzian / Chris Civarra et al.

Dear Michael Yellin:

Attached is a copy of your complaint of discrimination filed with the Civil Rights Department (CRD) pursuant to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seg. Also attached is a copy of your Notice of Case Closure and Right to Sue.

Pursuant to Government Code section 12962, CRD will not serve these documents on the employer. You must serve the complaint separately, to all named respondents. Please refer to the attached Notice of Case Closure and Right to Sue for information regarding filing a private lawsuit in the State of California. A courtesy "Notice of Filing of Discrimination Complaint" is attached for your convenience.

Be advised that the CRD does not review or edit the complaint form to ensure that it meets procedural or statutory requirements.

Sincerely,

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RE: Notice of Filing of Discrimination Complaint

CRD Matter Number: 202501-27908528 Right to Sue: Goudarzian / Chris Civarra et al.

To All Respondent(s):

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint of discrimination that has been filed with the Civil Rights Department (CRD) in accordance with Government Code section 12960. This constitutes service of the complaint pursuant to Government Code section 12962. The complainant has requested an authorization to file a lawsuit. A copy of the Notice of Case Closure and Right to Sue is enclosed for your records.

This matter may qualify for CRD's Small Employer Family Leave Mediation Program. Under this program, established under Government Code section 12945.21, a small employer with 5 -19 employees, charged with violation of the California Family Rights Act, Reproductive Loss Leave, or Bereavement Leave (Government Code sections 12945.2, 12945.6, or 12945.7) has the right to participate in CRD's free mediation program. Under this program both the employee requesting an immediate right to sue and the employer charged with the violation may request that all parties participate in CRD's free mediation program. The employee is required to contact the Department's Dispute Resolution Division prior to filing a civil action and must also indicate whether they are requesting mediation. The employee is prohibited from filing a civil action unless the Department does not initiate mediation within the time period specified in section 12945.21, subdivision (b) (4), or until the mediation is complete or is unsuccessful. The employee's statute of limitations to file a civil action, including for all related claims not arising under section 12945.2, is tolled from the date the employee contacts the Department regarding the intent to pursue legal action until the mediation is complete or is unsuccessful. You may contact CRD's Small Employer Family Leave Mediation Pilot Program by emailing DRDOnlinerequests@calcivilrights.ca.gov and include the CRD matter number indicated on the Right to Sue notice.

Please refer to the attached complaint for a list of all respondent(s) and their contact information.

No response to CRD is requested or required.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2025

Behyar Goudarzian 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 710E Beverly Hills, CA 90212

RE: Notice of Case Closure and Right to Sue

CRD Matter Number: 202501-27908528 Right to Sue: Goudarzian / Chris Civarra et al.

Dear Behyar Goudarzian:

This letter informs you that the above-referenced complaint filed with the Civil Rights Department (CRD) has been closed effective January 28, 2025 because an immediate Right to Sue notice was requested.

This letter is also your Right to Sue notice. According to Government Code section 12965, subdivision (b), a civil action may be brought under the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act against the person, employer, labor organization or employment agency named in the above-referenced complaint. The civil action must be filed within one year from the date of this letter.

This matter may qualify for CRD's Small Employer Family Leave Mediation Program. Under this program, established under Government Code section 12945.21, a small employer with 5 -19 employees, charged with violation of the California Family Rights Act, Reproductive Loss Leave, or Bereavement Leave (Government Code sections 12945.2, 12945.6, or 12945.7) has the right to participate in CRD's free mediation program. Under this program both the employee requesting an immediate right to sue and the employer charged with the violation may request that all parties participate in CRD's free mediation program. The employee is required to contact the Department's Dispute Resolution Division prior to filing a civil action and must also indicate whether they are requesting mediation. The employee is prohibited from filing a civil action unless the Department does not initiate mediation within the time period specified in section 12945.21, subdivision (b) (4), or until the mediation is complete or is unsuccessful. The employee's statute of limitations to file a civil action, including for all related claims not arising under section 12945.2, is tolled from the date the employee contacts the Department regarding the intent to pursue legal action until the mediation is complete or is unsuccessful. Contact CRD's Small Employer Family Leave Mediation Pilot Program by emailing DRDOnlinerequests@calcivilrights.ca.gov and include the CRD matter number indicated on the Right to Sue notice.

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After receiving a Right-to-Sue notice from CRD, you may have the right to file your complaint with a local government agency that enforces employment antidiscrimination laws if one exists in your area that is authorized to accept your complaint. If you decide to file with a local agency, you must file before the deadline for filing a lawsuit that is on your Right-to-Sue notice. Filing your complaint with a local agency does not prevent you from also filing a lawsuit in court.

To obtain a federal Right to Sue notice, you must contact the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to file a complaint within 30 days of receipt of this CRD Notice of Case Closure or within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act, whichever is earlier.

Sincerely,

Civil Rights Department

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Complainant experienced retaliation because complainant reported or resisted any form of discrimination or harassment, requested or used a disability-related accommodation, requested or used family care and medical leave (cfra) related to serious health condition of employee or family member, child bonding, or military exigencies and as a result was terminated, denied accommodation for a disability.

Additional Complaint Details: 10. Plaintiff commenced his employment with Defendants in and about April 6, 1987, as a Project Engineer. Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, he performed his duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

- Plaintiff was subjected to discrimination due to his age and disability, harassment from his co-workers, and retaliation when he was terminated, during the period he was given an accommodation.
- In and around June 2020, Plaintiff began to experience serious health issues that rendered him disabled and that required him to request an accommodation.
- Plaintiff required remote work as an accommodation which was granted by the Defendants.
- 14. Thereafter, Plaintiff followed the Defendants' procedures in renewing his accommodation every six months.
- The need for his accommodation was renewed every six months, and permitted Plaintiff to work remotely.
- However, starting in or about August 2022 until his termination, Defendants 13 discriminated against, harassed, and eventually terminated Plaintiff as a result of his continued need for accommodation, because of his medical condition and/or disability, and 14 in retaliation of Plaintiff's complaints.
 - In and around August 2022, Ms. Siebert became Plaintiff's Direct Manager. 17.
- Thereafter, Plaintiff noticed a change in how he was treated. For example, prior to Ms. Siebert's arrival, Plaintiff received rave reviews of his work performance. These reviews indicated that he met or exceeded the expectations of his position. Plaintiff also met or exceeded his expectations for his "Interim 2022 Performance Review." 17
- In or about December 2022, Ms. Siebert issued a performance review indicating that Plaintiff only met some expectations of his position. 18
 - In or about October 2022, during a meeting between Plaintiff and his department, the Defendant's employees, Mr. Civarra harassed and discriminated against Plaintiff when he asked a new hire, Aleksey Bykovich, to guess Plaintiff's age in front of all the other
 - employees. After multiple guesses, Plaintiff was pressured to tell everyone his age and finally did. Plaintiff immediately felt ashamed and humiliated as everyone in the room was much younger than him.
 - Several days later, Gordon Yip, Defendant's employee in the Radio Team department, left Plaintiff an unprofessional voice message, stating that Plaintiff should not question his abilities or judgment, otherwise Plaintiff should either do the work himself or get someone else to do it.
 - During 2023, Plaintiff continued to request and receive remote work as an 22. accommodation. In and about the end of 2022, Plaintiff renewed his request for an accommodation for the first six months of 2023, which request was granted by Defendant.

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